

Year 1 Class Newsletter - October Edition

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Autumn Term 2! We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for another exciting term of learning and exploration. Here's a look at what the children will be learning, upcoming events, and how you can support your child's development at home.

What We've Been Learning

English

This term, we are focusing on **verbs**! The children are learning:

- **Present tense and past tense verbs.**
- How to identify verbs in a story.
- Adding verbs to nouns to create simple sentences.

We are using the much-loved book *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* as a foundation for our learning. The children will explore the language used, act out the story, and create their own sentences inspired by the book.

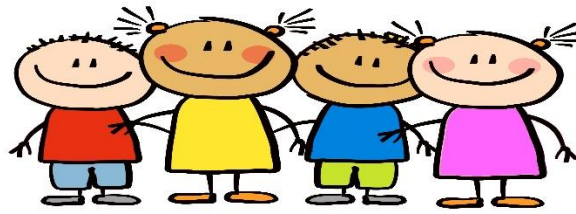
How you can help: When reading with your child, ask them to find the action words (verbs) in the story. You can also play games like "What's the verb?" where they act out or name verbs (e.g., jump, run, clap).

Maths

In Maths, we are focusing on:

- **Part-part-whole models** for addition and subtraction.
- Using a **number line** to solve problems.
- Exploring **3D shapes** and their properties.
- Learning to tell the time: **o'clock** and **half-past**.
- Solving **two-step word problems** by identifying key information.

How you can help: Use everyday situations to reinforce learning, such as counting items while shopping, discussing the shapes of objects, or practicing telling the time on an analogue clock.



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Project: Never Eat Shredded Wheat

This term's geography focus is exploring **where different foods come from** and how geography influences life in different places.

Key learning objectives:

- Using **maps, globes, and plans** to locate countries and features.
- Understanding **human and physical features** (e.g., towns, valleys, and coasts).
- Learning about the **seven continents and five oceans**.
- Practicing **compass directions** (North, South, East, and West).
- Making comparisons between our local area and other parts of the UK and the world.

How you can help: Talk with your child about where foods in your home come from. Look at maps or globes together to locate the countries where their favourite foods are produced. Practice using simple compass directions during outdoor activities.

Physical Education (PE)

We continue to develop gross motor skills through climbing, balancing, and running activities. Indoors, the children will focus on coordination and agility through structured games and activities.

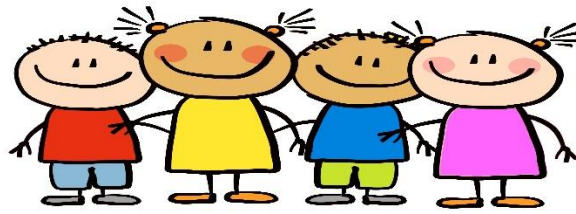
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Our focus remains on emotional literacy, friendships, and independence. You can access resources via the online parent platform:

[Ten Ten Resources Parent Portal](#)

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Upcoming Events

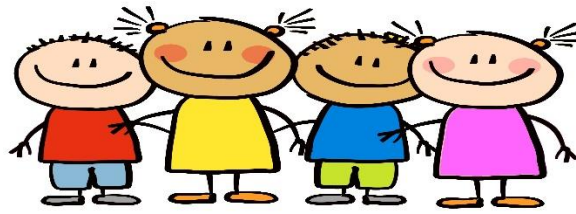
- **Nativity Performance:**
 - Tuesday, 10th December, 2:00 PM
 - Wednesday, 11th December, 6:00 PM
 - **Ice Sheffield Christmas Show:** Wednesday, 11th December. The show runs from **11:00 AM to 3:30 PM.**
 - **Winter Walk** Date to be confirmed.
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Important Reminders

- **PE Days:** PE is on Thursdays. Please ensure your child wears comfortable clothing and appropriate footwear.
 - **Water Bottles:** Send a labelled water bottle daily.
 - **Labelled Clothing:** Make sure all items of clothing, especially jumpers and coats, are clearly labelled.
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How You Can Help at Home

- **Read together daily:** Ask your child to identify verbs or discuss what's happening in the story.
 - **Practice telling the time:** Use clocks around your home to identify o'clock and half-past.
 - **Explore maps:** Encourage your child to locate countries, oceans, and landmarks on a globe or map.
 - **Encourage independence:** Practise putting on coats, fastening shoes, and using the toilet independently and on arrival to school manage their own belongings and take out their reading books.
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Contact Us

We are always here to support you and your child. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to speak to us at drop-off or pick-up, or contact us through the school office.

We look forward to another fantastic term of fun, learning, and growth!

Best wishes,

Mrs. Brotherton and the Reception/Year 1 Team